

I claim:

1 1. A computer information display panel for displaying information on a
2 computer, the display panel comprising:
3 a USB interface;
4 a processor configured to output operational information about the computer
5 system when the computer is powered on;
6 a display unit coupled to the processor via the USB interface, the display unit
7 configured to display the information; and
8 a clock unit coupled to the display unit, the clock unit being powered
9 separately from the computer to provide time information to the
10 display unit when the computer is powered down, the display unit
11 displaying the time information.

1 2. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the clock unit includes an alarm
2 function.

1 3. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the processor is a central
2 processing unit of a computer, and the processor computes the operational information
3 by communicating with the BIOS.

1 4. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the processor is further coupled to
2 one or more remote computer systems for receiving secondary information therefrom,
3 the processor configured to communicate that information to the display unit.

1 5. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the secondary information received
2 from the remote computer system is advertising information.

1 6. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the display unit is selected from a
2 group consisting of: an LCD and an LED display.

1 7. The display panel of claim 1, wherein the operational information
2 includes information selected from a group consisting of: computer model, status
3 information on the BIOS, CPU clock rate, operating temperature, and hard disk data.